

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR ELECTION PETITION TRIBUNAL MONITORS IN NIGERIA

The CLEEN Foundation (formerly known as Centre for Law Enforcement Education) is non-governmental organization established in January 1998 with the mission of promoting public safety, security and accessible justice through the strategies of empirical research, legislative advocacy, demonstration programmes and publications, in partnership with government, civil society and the private sector.

Background

CLEEN Foundation and Legal Defense and Assistant Project (LEDAP) on behalf of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA) Cohort organizations under the On-Nigeria programme of MacArthur Foundation with the goal to reduce corruption in Nigeria will be monitoring the 2023 Election Petition Tribunals set up across selected states and the FCT with the aim to enhance public trust in the judiciary through promotion of transparency in the election tribunal proceedings in Nigeria. The cohort has a strong commitment to promoting transparency, accountability, and the rule of law within the judicial system, particularly in the proceedings of the ongoing Tribunals at levels and we believe that court monitoring plays a crucial role in achieving these objectives.

This will entail recruitment and training of tribunal monitors, deployment of tribunal monitors to record proceedings of the tribunal in selected states using a standardized checklist, analyze the data from the tribunals, develop policy briefs and release periodic reports for the general public on the transparency of the 2023 election petition tribunal proceedings. Through the project's dashboard App, the tribunal monitors will upload reports of daily summaries of proceedings of the tribunals, segregated according to the states and polls categories, and highlighting incidents and issues of interest to the public.

Location:

- i. **South-west: Lagos, Ogun, Oyo**
- ii. **South-east: Imo, Anambra, Enugu,**
- iii. **South-south: Rivers, Akwa Ibom, Delta**
- iv. **North-central: Benue, Plateau, Nasarawa and FCT**
- v. **North-east: Adamawa, Yobe, Taraba**
- vi. **North-west: Sokoto, Kano, Kaduna states.**

Purpose of the Engagement:

The purpose of this engagement is for the **Tribunal monitors** to monitor the 2023 election petition tribunals in their respective states and record the proceedings of the tribunal and submit to CLEEN Foundation and LEDAP.

Duration of Assignment: This assignment will be for three months (July September 2023).

Requirements:

The Applicant must possess the following:

- A minimum of BSc/BA, preferably advanced degree in Social/Humanitarian/Political Sciences/Development Studies
 - Relevant experience in security and justice sector reform.
 - Be conversant with the 2022 Electoral Act, Election petition practice directions and other laws including the administration of justice Act 2015.
 - Strong analytical and report writing skills balanced, unbiased non subjective.
 - Must be able to use mobile technological applications.
 - Must understand the local language in the state assigned.
 - MUST be non partisan and/or have any political affiliation***

Roles/Responsibilities:

- Participate at the tribunal monitoring training.
- Attend the tribunal sittings in the state assigned.
- Record the tribunal proceedings.
- Develop report of the tribunal proceedings and submit to CLEEN Foundation and LEDAP as at when due.

Expected Deliverables:

- Records of tribunal monitoring report submitted to CLEEN Foundation and LEDAP using a digital platform which will be provided to successful applicants.
 - The reports will include but not limited to observe proceedings and document key information, including the conduct of judges, lawyers, defendants, witnesses, and court staff.
 - This includes monitoring adherence to legal procedures, ensuring respect for due process rights, and identifying any irregularities.

Application Duration: 11th July 2023.

How to Apply

Interested and qualified individuals should submit their proposals, detailing relevant experience and skills described above to **procurement@cleen.org** which must include the following:

- A Cover Letter detailing skills and experience fitting the requirements described above.
- Complete the application for using this link: <https://forms.gle/hz1PMPV65nz9UUrD6>
- Information on past related work is desirable.
- CV with relevant experience (maximum of 3 pages) including two referees conversant with their work.
- A short context of Safety and Security issues in the affected communities within the state not to exceed 1 page.

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